



# **Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Environmental Assessment**

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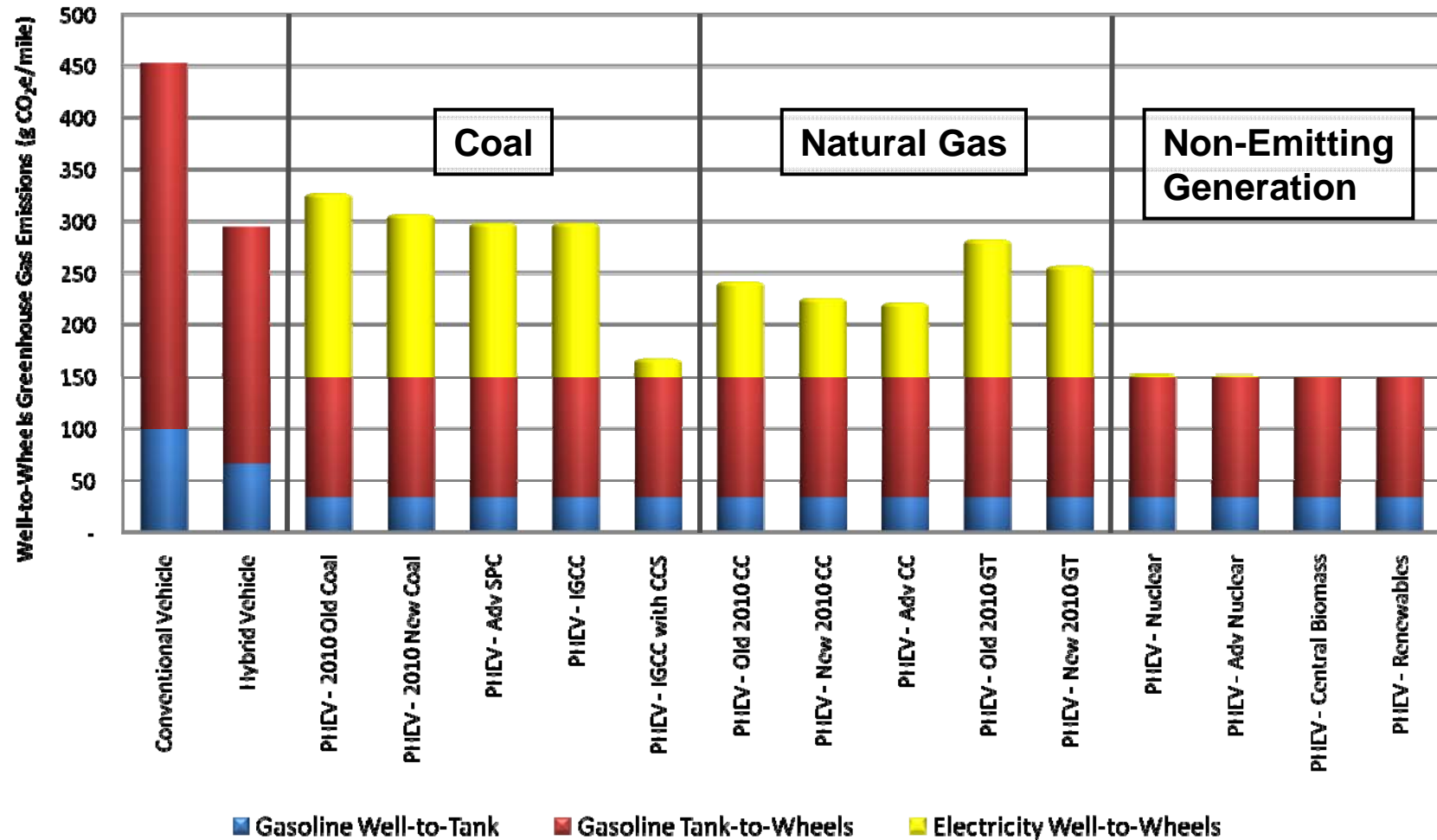
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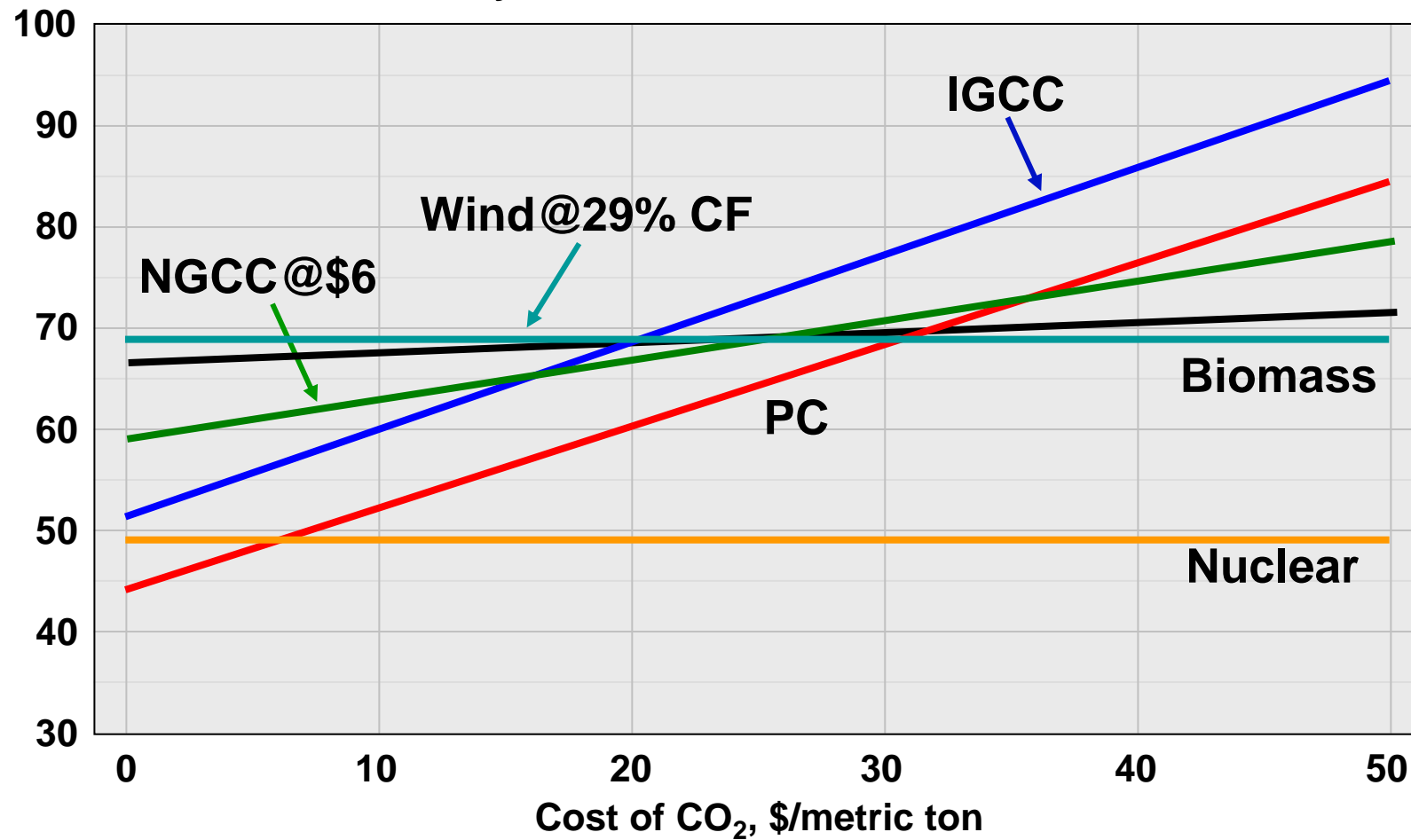
# Power Plant-Specific PHEV Emissions in 2010

## PHEV 20 – 12,000 Annual Miles



# Technologies for New Generation in 2010-2015

Levelized Cost of Electricity, \$/MWh



# Electric Sector Scenarios

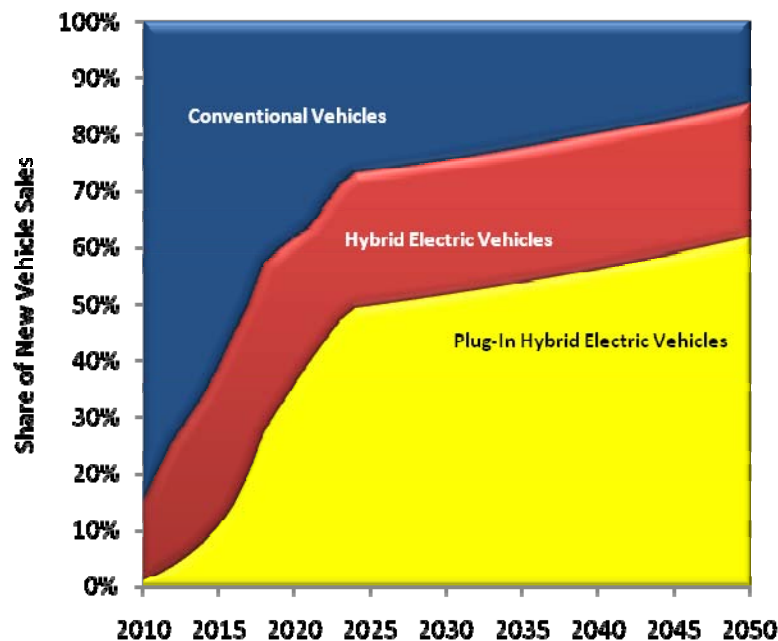
Scenario Definition	High CO <sub>2</sub>	Medium CO <sub>2</sub>	Low CO <sub>2</sub>
Cost of CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Allowances	Low	Moderate	High
Power Plant Retirements	Slower	Normal	Faster
New Generation Technologies	Unavailable: Coal with CCS New Nuclear New Biomass	Normal Technology Availability and Performance	Available: Retrofit of CCS to existing IGCC and PC plants
	Lower Performance: SCPC, CCNG, GT, Wind, and Solar		Higher Performance: Solar
Annual Electricity Demand Growth	1.56% per year on average	1.56% per year on average	2010 - 2025: 0.45% 2025 - 2050: None

SCPC – Supercritical Pulverized Coal    CCNG – Combined Cycle  
Natural Gas

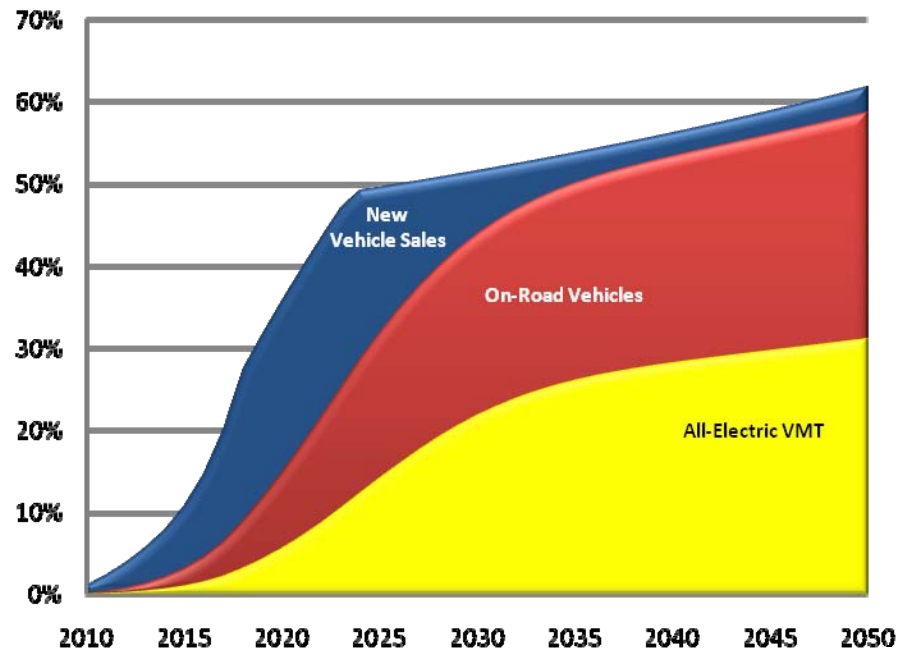
GT – Gas Turbine (natural gas)    CCS – Carbon Capture and Storage

# PHEV Medium Scenario

- Low, Medium, High PHEV market penetration scenarios
- Corresponds to 20%, 60%, and 80% peak market share
- New vehicles take time to penetrate nationwide fleet



New Vehicle Market Share: Medium PHEV Scenario



Growth of PHEVs and eVMT in Nationwide Fleet



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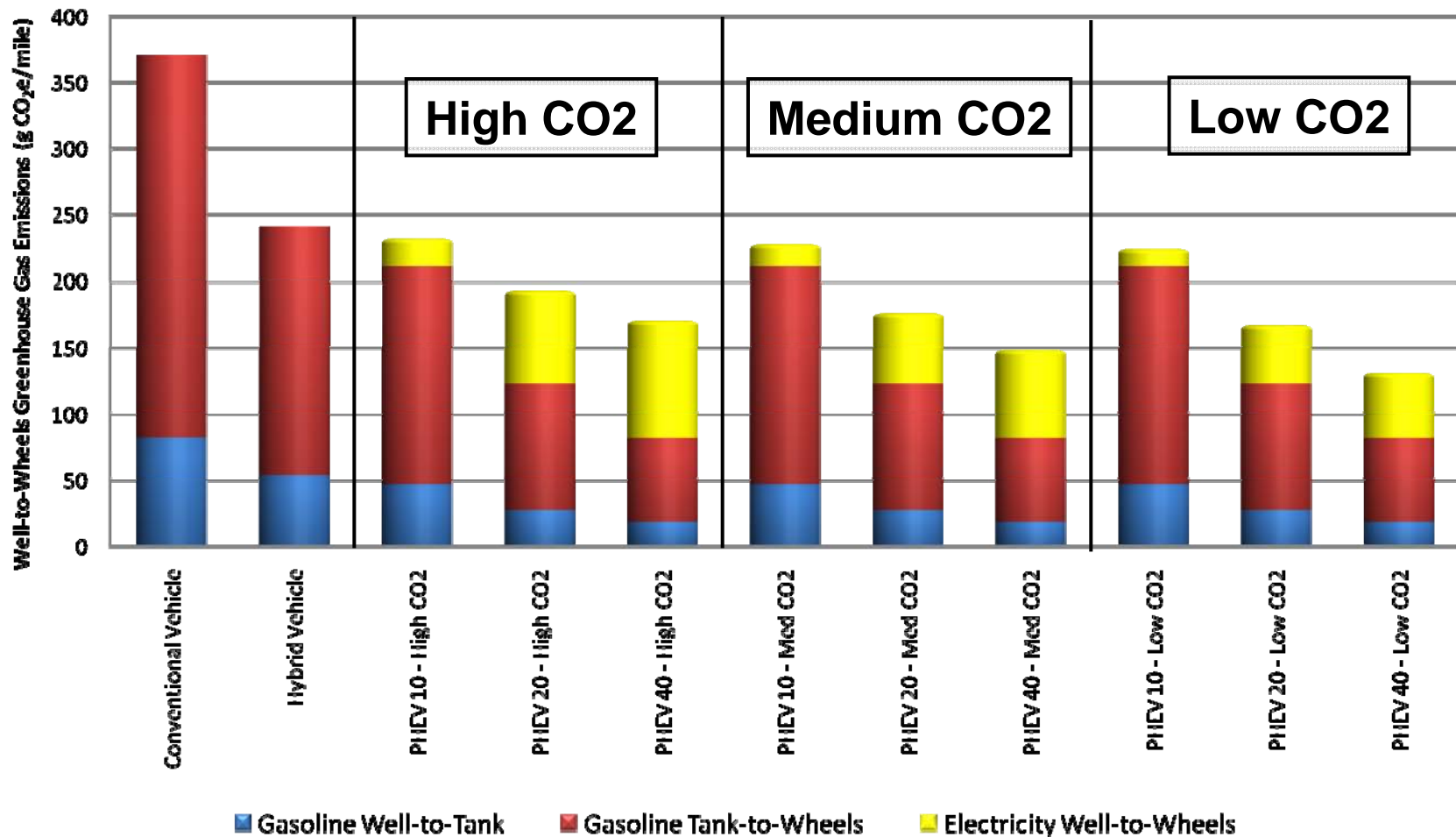
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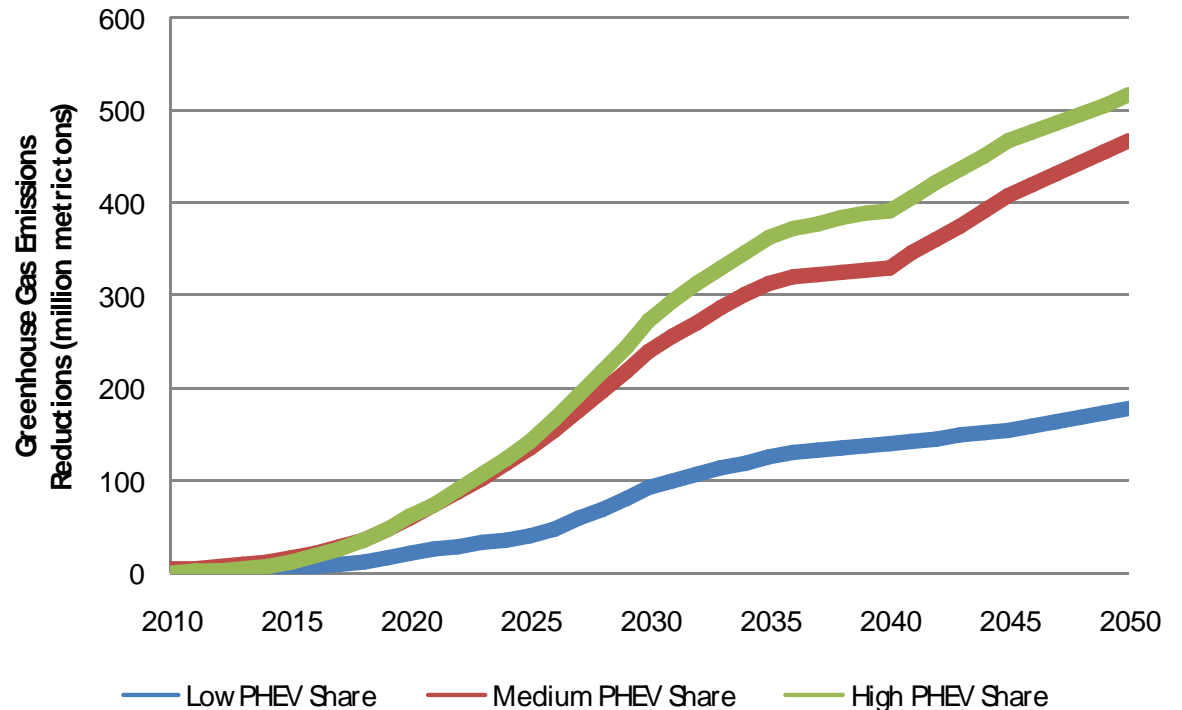
# Electric Sector Simulation Results (2050)

## PHEV 10, 20, & 40 – 12,000 Annual Miles



# Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions

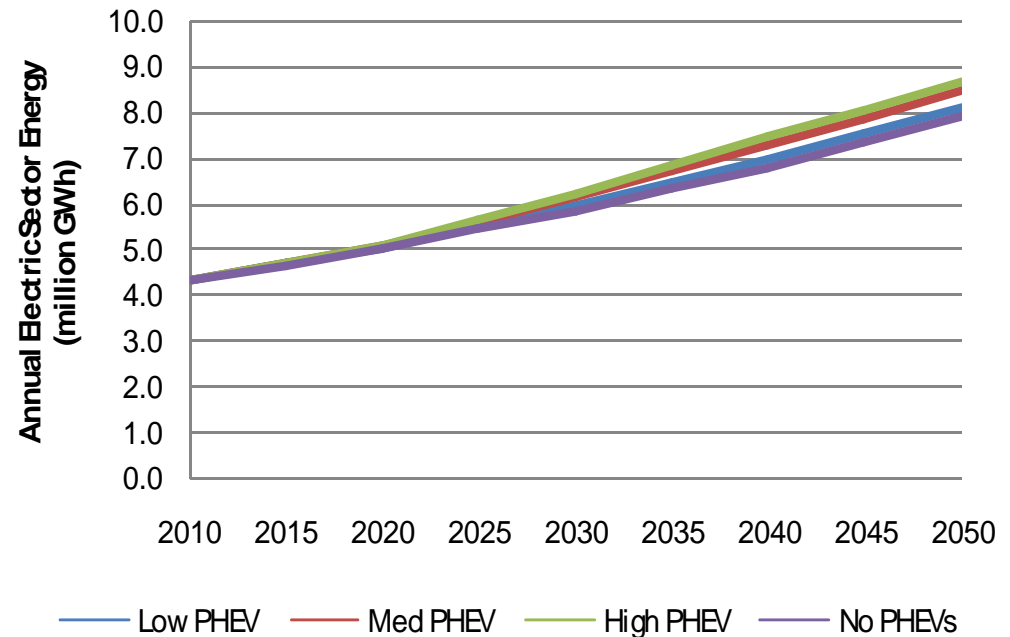
- Electricity grid evolves over time
- Nationwide fleet takes time to renew itself or “turn over”
- A potential 400-500 million metric ton annual reduction in GHG emissions (the US currently emits 6 million metric tons annually)



**Annual Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
From PHEV Adoption**

# Impacts to Electricity and Petroleum

- Moderate electricity demand growth
- Capacity expansion 19 to 72 GW by 2050 nationwide (1.2 – 4.6%)
- 3-4 million barrels per day in oil savings (Medium PHEV Case, 2050)



Electricity Demand: Medium CO<sub>2</sub> Case

# Overall CO<sub>2</sub>e Results

- All nine scenarios resulted in CO<sub>2</sub>e reductions from PHEV adoption
- Every region of the country will see reductions
- In the future, PHEVs charged from new coal (highest emitter) w/o CCS roughly equivalent to HEV, superior to CV
  - There is unlikely to be a future electric scenario where PHEVs do not return CO<sub>2</sub>e benefit

2050 Annual CO <sub>2</sub> e Reduction (million metric tons)		Electric Sector CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity		
		High	Medium	Low
PHEV Fleet Penetration	Low	163	177	193
	Medium	394	468	478
	High	474	517	612



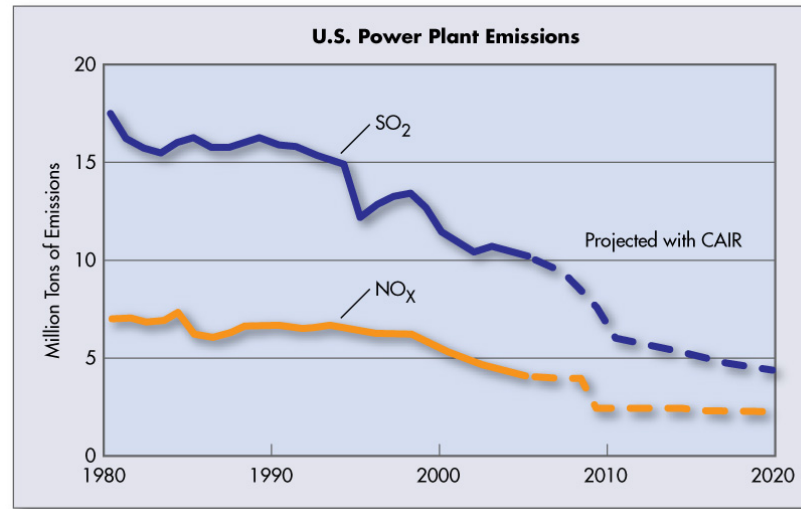
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# U.S. Power Plant Emissions Trends



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Power plant emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> will continue to decrease due to tighter federal regulatory limits (caps) on emissions
- Other local and national regulations further constrain power plant emissions
- Air quality is determined by emissions from all sources undergoing chemical reactions within the atmosphere

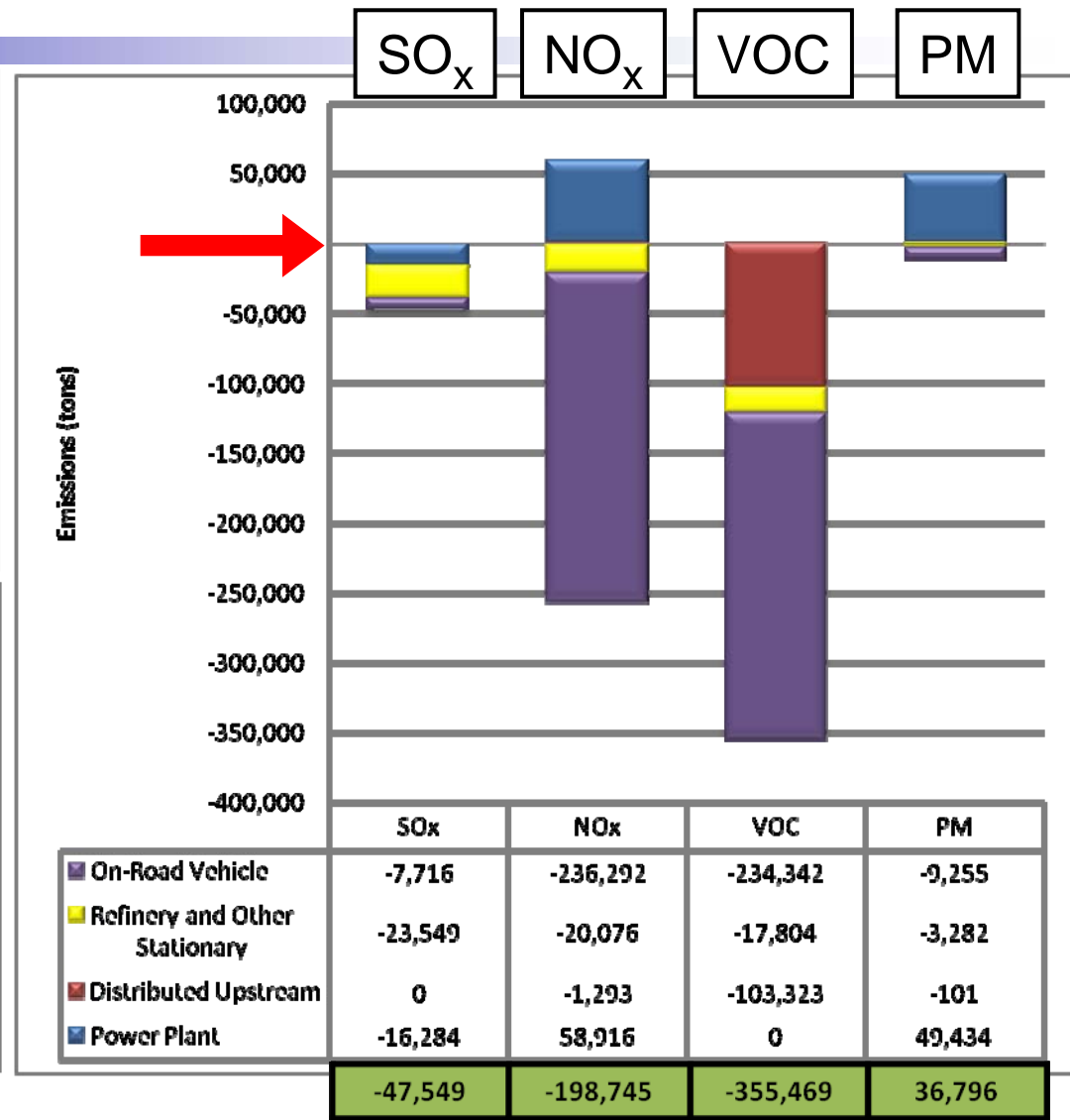
# Net Changes in Criteria Emissions Due to PHEVs

## Power Plant Emissions

- Emissions capped under law (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, Hg) are essentially unchanged
- Primary PM emissions increase (defined by a performance standard)

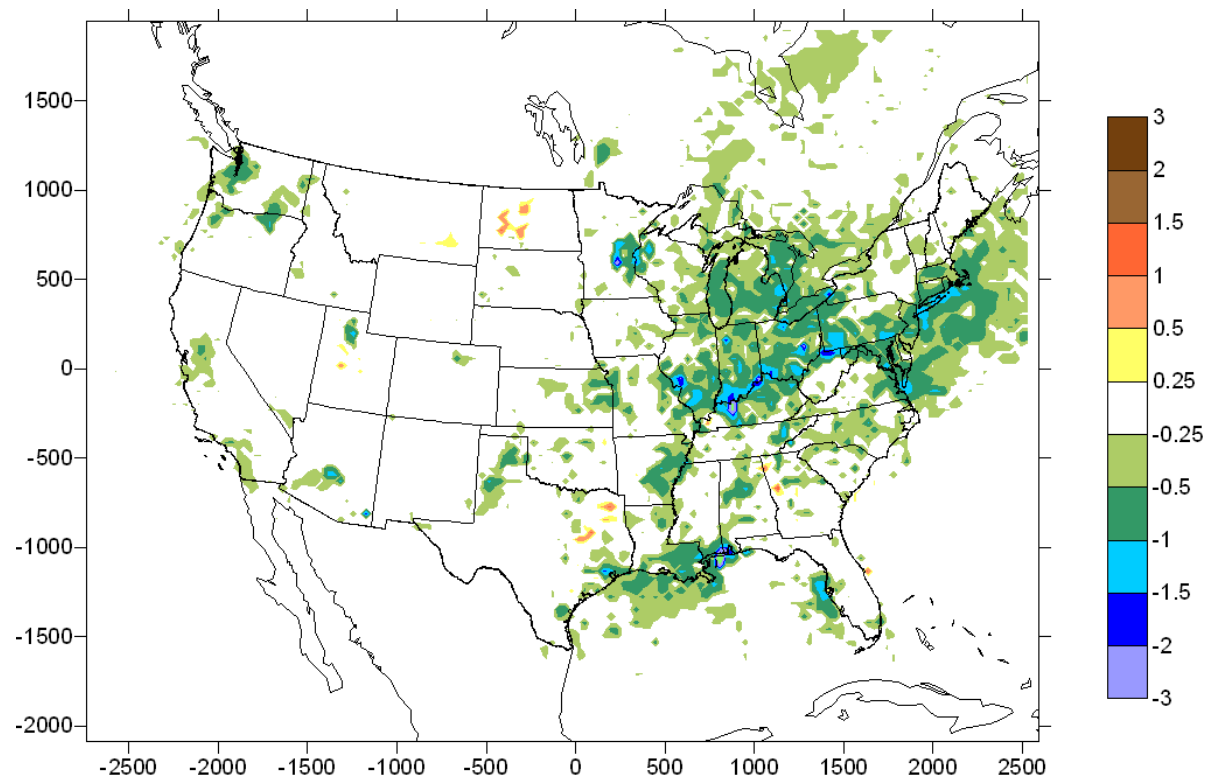
## Vehicle Emissions

- NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM all decrease
- Significant NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC reductions at vehicle tailpipe
- Reduction in refinery and related emissions



# PHEVs Reduce Formation of Ozone

- Air quality model simulates atmospheric chemistry and transport
- Lower NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC emissions results in less ozone formation particularly in urban areas



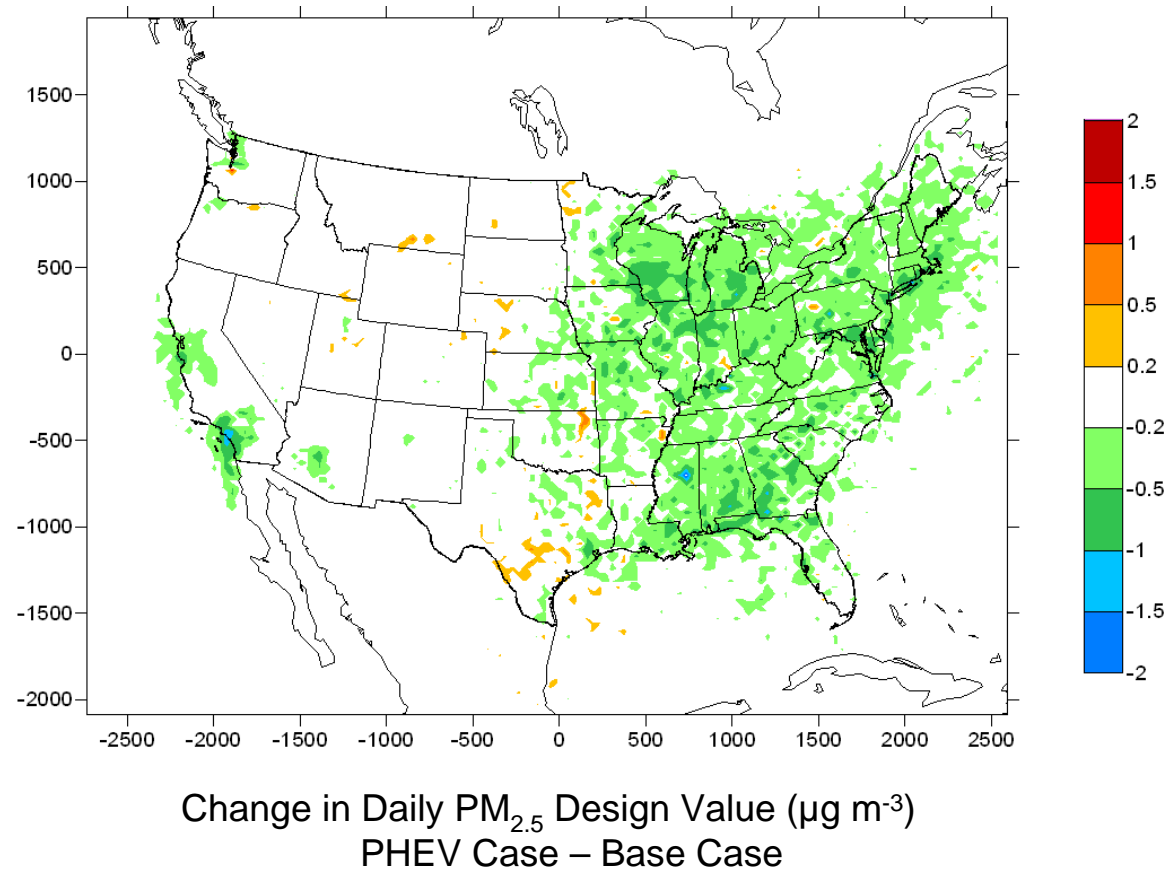
Change in 8-Hour Ozone Design Value (ppb)  
PHEV Case – Base Case



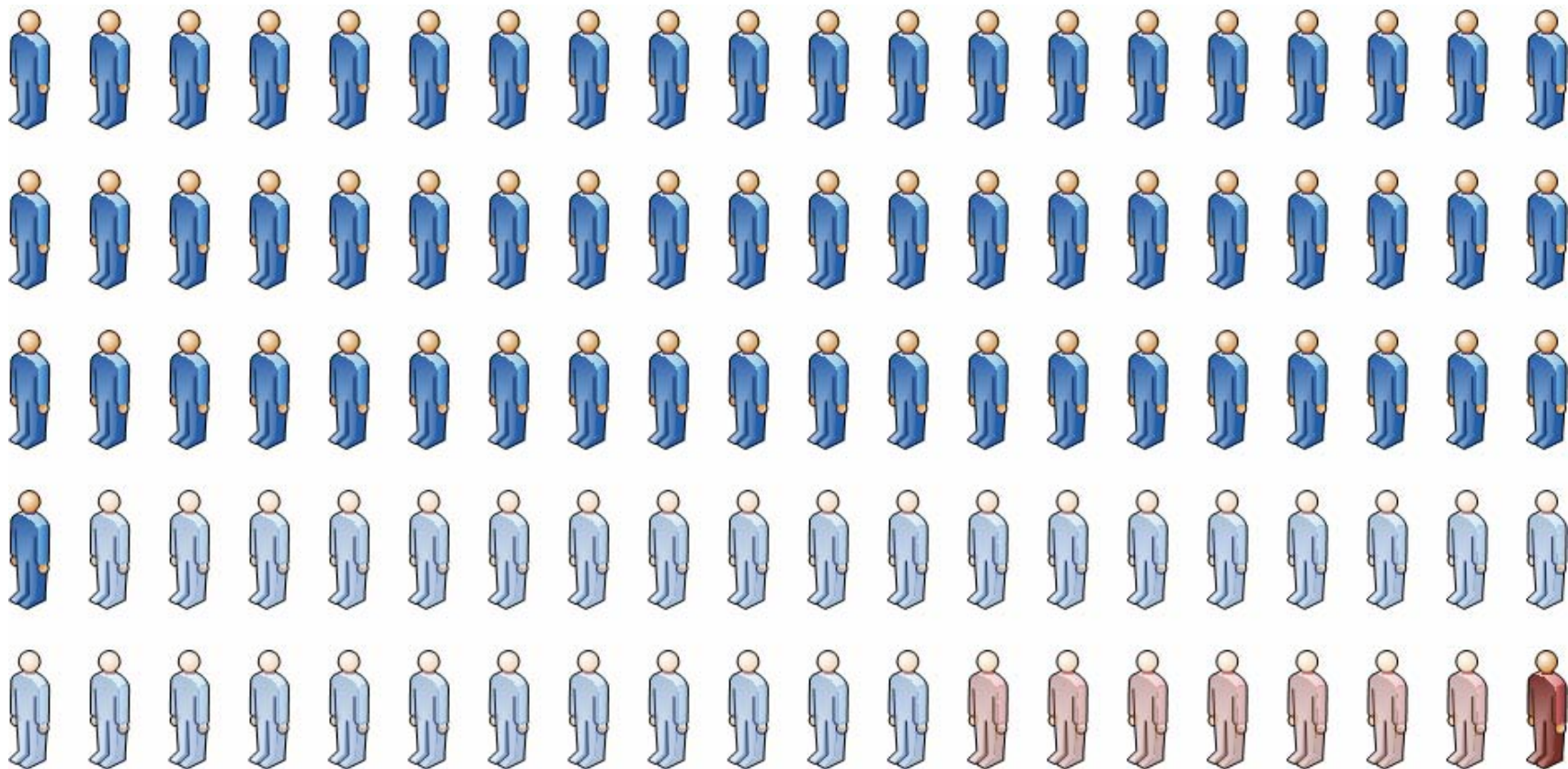
# PHEVs Reduce Formation of Secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub>

- PM<sub>2.5</sub> includes both direct emissions and secondary PM formed in the atmosphere
- PHEVs reduce motor vehicle emissions of VOC and NOx.
- VOCs emissions from power plants are not significant
- Total annual SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx from power plants capped by federal law
- The net result of PHEVs is a notable decrease in the formation of secondary

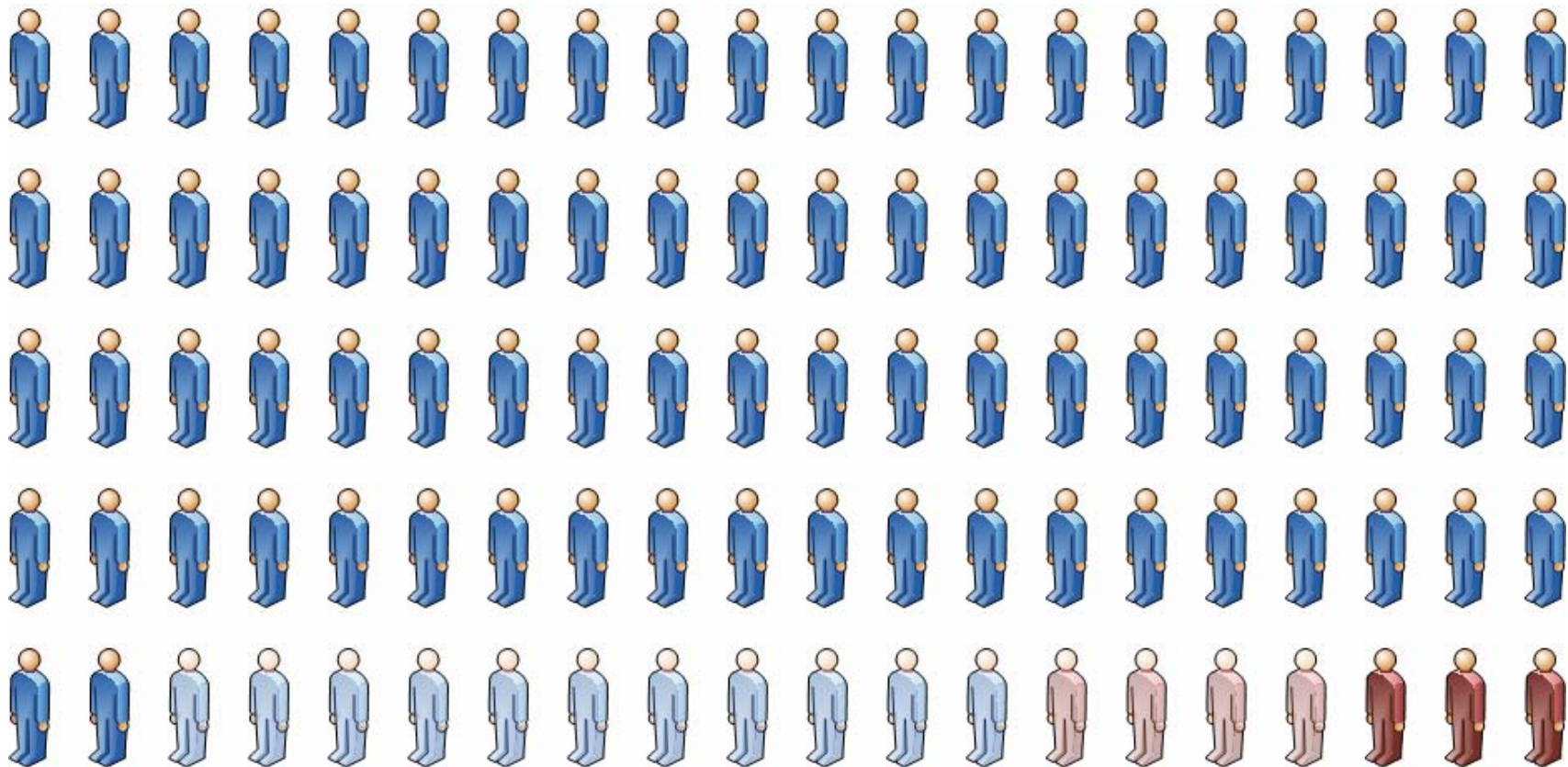
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# Ozone Design Value Exposure Changes

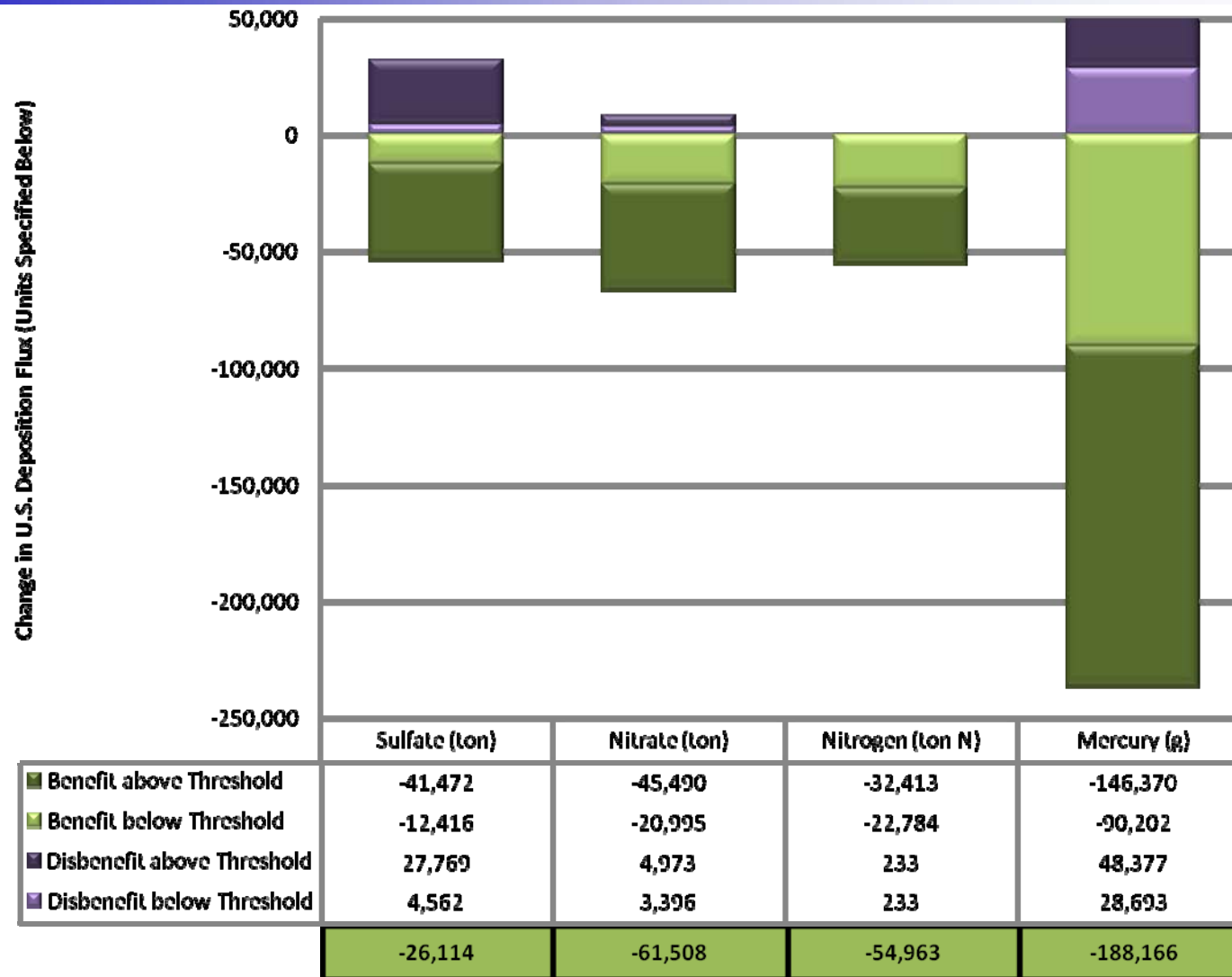


# Daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> Design Value Exposure Changes



# PHEVs Improve Overall Air Quality

## Reduced Deposition of Sulfates, Nitrates, Nitrogen, Mercury





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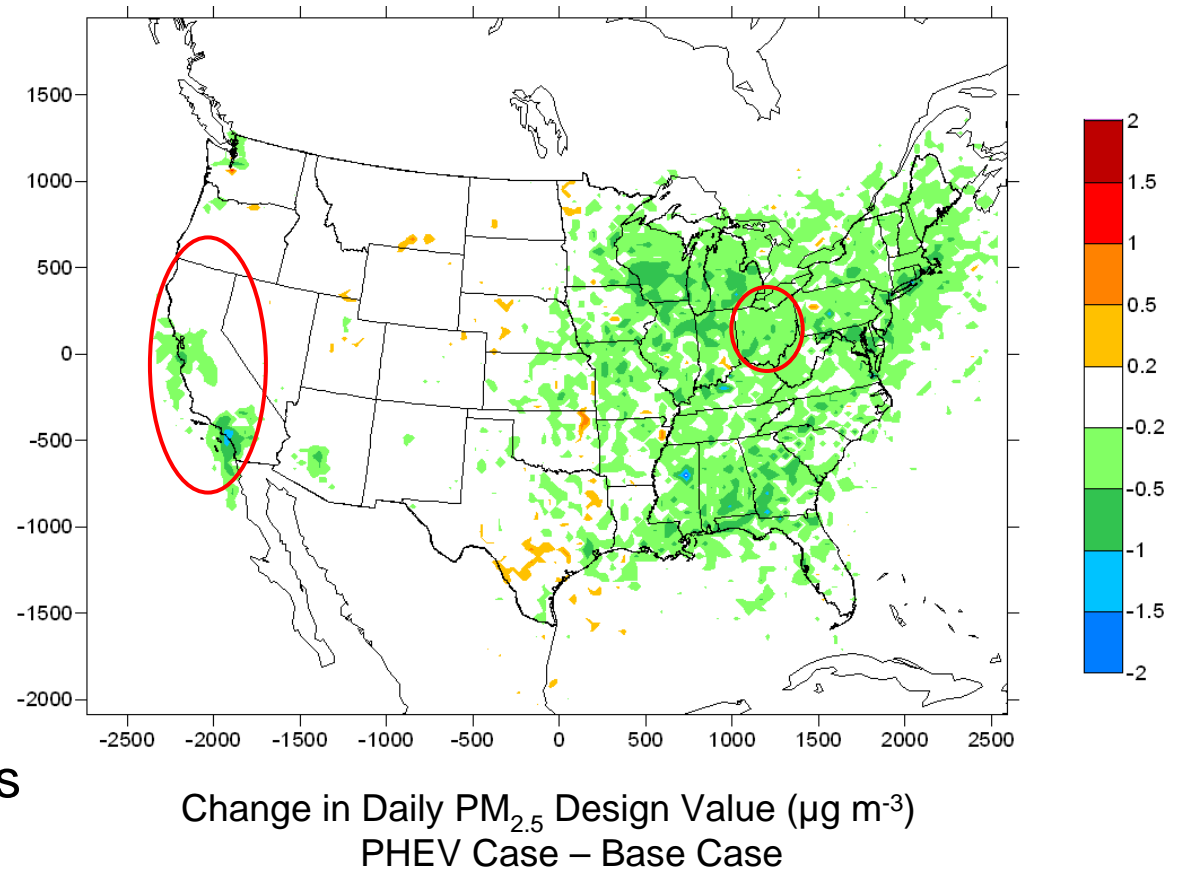
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